



## Bio for LSR Candidate For Division 5 Director

### **Brooks Willig**



Brooks became interested in model railroading in sixth grade while reading his grandfather's issues of Model Railroader. Starting with a 4x8ft layout, He and his dad went on to build a 10x14ft sectional layout. He is now constructing Free-Mo modules and has aspirations to find a Free-Mo group based in the West Texas area. He enjoys operations and was fortunate to attend Prairie Rails 2020. He has participated as host in the NMRAX and GatewayX and received a Meritus Service award for his service. He has also been invited as a guest on the Modelers Life podcast. He has founded the West Texas Model Railroaders group on Facebook to connect other modelers in the West Texas area. He takes an interest in scale modeling and participates in the San Angelo Model Club. His modeling interests are Norfolk Southern, steel mills, scale warships, space vehicles and planes.

#### INTEREST IN SERVING:

He is interested in serving as Division 5 director for the NMRA Lonestar Region. In order to retain current members and gain new members, He believes value added programs must be implemented. As an Eagle Scout and a business owner he will be able to bring a background of leadership and integrity to the table. One of the most important value of the NMRA is connecting with other members. With Division 5 encompassing 75 counties in the West Texas area, modern video conferring will be integral in connecting all members together. He would start out by organizing monthly meetings via video conferencing. When everyone can meet in person safely, He would plan a in-person meeting schedule that is amiable to gather most of the members in the region as possible. He would also explore building partnerships with local

museums, organizations, and exhibit in various community events across the region to gain exposure for the NMRA and build awareness and enthusiasm for model railroading. This hobby is the greatest hobby in the world, and it is even greater when everyone can connect and fellowship with fellow modelers.